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AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during August 2015 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was up 2 percent from August 2014. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 611,000 pounds live weight, down slightly from August 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 53 pounds from the previous year, at 1,170 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 253,000 pounds live weight, up 6 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 257 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in August, up 3 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in August 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.32 million head, down 7 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,500 head, down 21 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.35 million head, up 13 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,100 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2015 commercial red meat production was 31.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

August 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.